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### Please amend the claims to read as follows:

- 1 . (original) In a computer controlled user interactive 2 display system, a display interface implementation for 3 directing a user's attention to specific selectable items on d display screen with crowded selectable items comprising; 5 user controlled means for moving an on-screen pointer 6 to approach said selectable items; and 7 means for highlighting all items in any set of a plurality of said items wherein each item in the set is within 9 d predetermined distance of said approaching pointer.
- 2. (original) The computer controlled user interactive
   display system of claim 1 wherein said selectable items are
   icons.
- 3. (currently amended) The computer controlled user interactive display system of claim 2 further including means for ending said highlighting of each of said any highlighted icons when the pointer moves outside of said predetermined distance
- 6 for said icon.
- 4. (currently amended) The computer controlled user interactive display system of claim 2 further including means for ending said highlighting of each of said any highlighted icons after a predetermined period of time.
- 1 5. (original) The computer controlled user interactive 2 display system of claim 2 wherein said means for highlight-3 ing sequentially highlight each icon in said set.

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- f. (original) The computer controlled user interactive
   display system of claim 2:
- wherein said means for sequentially highlighting said

  set of icons highlight each icon in the set for a defined

  period of time; and
- further including means for enabling the user selection of each sequentially highlighted item during said period of time.
- 1 7. (original) The computer controlled user interactive 2 display system of claim 6 wherein the icons in said set 3 overlap each other.
- 1 8. (original) A method for directing a user's attention to specific selectable items on a display screen with crowded selectable items in computer controlled user interactive display systems comprising:
  - moving an on-screen pointer to approach said selectable items; and
- highlighting all items in any set of a plurality of said items wherein each item in the set is within a predetermined distance of said approaching pointer.
- 1 9. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein said selectable 2 items are icons.
- 1 10. (currently amended) The method of claim 9 further including the step of ending said highlighting of each of said
  any highlighted icons when the pointer is moved outside of
  said predetermined distance for said icon.
- 1 11. (currently amended) The method of claim 9 further in-2 cluding the step of ending said highlighting of each of <u>any</u> 3 <del>chid</del> highlighted icons after a predetermined period of time.

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- 1 12. (original) The method of claim 9 wherein said step of highlighting sequentially highlights each item in said set.
- 1 13. (original) The method of claim 9 wherein said step of sequentially highlighting said set of icons highlight each icon in the set for a defined period of time; and
- further including the step of enabling the user selection of each sequentially highlighted item during said period of time.
- 1 14. (original) The method of claim 13 wherein the icons in 2 said set overlap each other.
- 1 15. (original) A computer program having program code in2 cluded on a computer readable medium for directing a user's
  3 attention to specific selectable items on a display screen
  4 with crowded selectable items in computer controlled user
  5 interactive display systems comprising:
  - user controlled means for moving an on-screen pointer to approach said selectable items; and
- means for highlighting all items in any set of a pluprality of said items wherein each item in the set is within a predetermined distance of said approaching pointer.
  - 1 16. (original The computer program of claim 15 wherein said 2 selectable items are icons.
  - 1 17. (currently amended) The computer program of claim 16
    2 further including means for ending said highlighting of each
    3 of said any highlighted icons when the pointer moves outside
    4 of said predetermined distance for said icon.

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- 1 18. (currently amended) The computer program of claim 16
  2 further including means for ending said highlighting of each
  3 of said any highlighted icons after a predetermined period
  4 of time.
- 1 19. (original) The computer program of claim 16 wherein said
- 2 means for highlighting sequentially highlights each icon in
- 3 said set.
- 1 20. (original) The computer program of claim 16 wherein said
- 2 means for sequentially highlighting said set of icons
- 3 highlight each icon in the set for a defined period of time;
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- 5 further including means enabling the user selection of
- 6 each sequentially highlighted item during said period of
- 7 time.
- 1 21. (original) The computer program of claim 20 wherein the 2 icons in said set overlap each other.
- 1: 22. (original) In a computer controlled user interactive
- 2: display system, a display interface implementation for
- 3 directing a user's attention to specific selectable items on:
- 4 & display screen with crowded selectable items comprising:
- 5 user controlled means for moving an on-screen pointer
- 6 to approach a cluster of said selectable items; and
- 7 means for sequentially highlighting each item in said
- 8 cluster when said approaching pointer is within a
- 9 predetermined distance from said cluster.

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23. (original) In a computer controlled user interactive display system, a display interface implementation for directing a user's attention to specific selectable items on a display screen with crowded selectable items comprising:

user controlled means for moving an on-screen pointer to approach a cluster of said selectable items;

means for determining whether the items in said cluster have sufficient separation for said pointer to select separate items in said cluster; and

10 . means responsive to said determining means for sequentially highlighting each item in said cluster when 12 there is insufficient separation.

1 24. (original) The computer controlled user interactive 2: display system of claim 23 wherein each item is activated for selection when highlighted.

25. (original) A method for directing a user's attention to specific selectable items on a display screen with crowded: selectable items in computer controlled user interactive display systems comprising:

moving an on-screen pointer to approach a cluster of said selectable items: and

sequentially highlighting each item in said cluster when said approaching pointer is within a predetermined distance from said cluster.

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26. (original) A method for directing a user's attention to specific selectable items on a display screen with crowded selectable items in computer controlled user interactive display systems comprising:

moving an on-screen pointer to approach a cluster of said selectable items;

determining whether the items in said cluster; have sufficient separation for said pointer to select separate items in said cluster; and

10 : sequentially highlighting each item in said cluster 11 responsive to a determination that there is insufficient 12 separation.

1 27. (original) The method of claim 26 wherein each item is activated for selection when highlighted.

28. (original) A computer program having program code included on a computer readable medium for directing a user's attention to specific selectable items on a display screen with crowded selectable items in computer controlled user interactive display systems comprising:

user controlled means for moving an on-screen pointer 7 : to approach a cluster of said selectable items; and means for sequentially highlighting each item in said 9 : cluster when said approaching pointer is within a 10 predetermined distance from said cluster.

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29. (original) A computer program having program code included on a computer readable medium for directing a user's attention to specific selectable items on a display screen with crowded selectable items in computer controlled user interactive display systems comprising:

user controlled means for moving an on-screen pointer to approach a cluster of said selectable items;

means for determining whether the items in said cluster have sufficient separation for said pointer to select separate items in said cluster; and

means responsive to said determining means for sequentially highlighting each item in said cluster when there is insufficient separation.

30. (Original) The computer program of claim 29 wherein each item is activated for selection when highlighted.